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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 1, 2005 in connection with the above-identified matter, the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-130) is hereby elected for examination on the merits. With regard to the species restriction, Applicants further hereby elect the species identified as Species C (Embodiment shown in Figures 3A-3F). It is believed that claims 1, 4-6, 11, 27-35, 48-51, 55-57, and 72-74 are readable thereon.

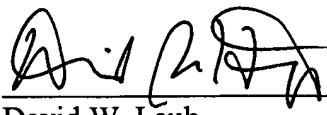
The Examiner asserts that there is no generic claim and thus, Applicants make this election with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1 and 51 are generic.

The period for replying to the Office Action has been extended two (2) months through December 1, 2005 (in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) with a concurrently filed petition (including the requisite fees) for two months extension of time.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and inventions. Examination on the merits is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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